1. **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**:

1. (Currently Amended) In combination a tube for storing micro-litre volumes and a multi-well plate having a bottom surface and through bores extending through ~~to~~ said surface, said through bores for receiving said tube in a corresponding one of the through bores in said multi-well plate, the tube having first and second ends, the tube being open at the first ~~one~~ end and adapted at the second end to engage the ~~bottom surface of the~~ multi-well plate, the tube comprising:

a body portion of substantially square cross section;

a shoulder portion near ~~at~~ said one end of the body portion and providing the open end of the tube, the cross section of the shoulder portion being greater than that of the body portion; and,

a formation providing a connector portion at the second ~~other~~ end of the tube, said formation being sized to fit through the through bore and to form a ~~for~~ snap fit engagement ~~in the through bore~~ with the bottom surface of the multi-well plate.

2. (Previously Presented) A tube according to claim 1, further comprising a closure member disposed to close the open end.

3. (Previously Presented) A tube according to claim 2, wherein the closure member comprises a foil cap.

4. (Previously Presented) A tube according to claim 2, wherein the closure member is a self-sealing member.

5. (Previously Presented) A tube according to claim 4, wherein the self-sealing closure member is a split septum.

6. (Previously Presented)\ A tube according to claim 1, wherein the body and shoulder portions are formed separately from the snap fit connector portion.

7. (Previously Presented) A tube according to claim 6, wherein the snap fit connector portion has a dot code on it.

8. (Previously Presented) A tube according to claim 6, wherein the body and shoulder portions are formed from a translucent or transparent material.

9. (Previously Presented) A tube according to claim 8, further comprising a spigot at the interface between the body portion and the snap fit connector portion.

10. (Previously Presented) A tube according to claim 1, wherein the body portion and snap fit connector portion are co-moulded.

11. (Currently Amended) In combination a tube for storing fluid and a multi-well plate having a bottom surface and through bores extending through ~~to~~ said surface, said through bores for receiving said tube in a corresponding one of the through boares in said multi-well plate, the tube having first and second ends and being open at the first ~~one~~ end and adapted to engage the bottom surface of the multi-well plate, the tube comprising:

a body portion of substantially square cross section;

a shoulder portion near ~~at~~ said first ~~one~~ end of the body portion and providing the open end of the tube, the cross section of the shoulder portion being greater than that of the body portion; and

a flared connector portion at the second ~~closed~~ end of the tube sized to fit through the through bore and to form a ~~for~~ snap fit engagement ~~in the through bore~~ with the bottom surface of the multi-well plate.

said flared connector portion having an identification code provided thereon.

12. (Previously Presented) A tube according to claim 11, wherein the connector and body portions are formed separately from different materials.